Memorandum of Understanding
between
Southern Illinois University Carbondale, U.S.A.
and
Bangkok University, Thailand

With a longstanding friendship and collaboration of 30 years, dating back to 1977, with Southern Illinois University Carbondale providing tuition waivers to Bangkok University faculty in the Faculty Development Program, both institutions agree that an official agreement would further enhance their successful relationship.

This Memorandum of Understanding starts where President Thanu Kulachol, co-initiator of the longstanding collaboration between the two institutions, resigns as President of Bangkok University and Dr. Mathana Santiwat takes over the helm of the university as the new President.

The collaboration covers the following fields:

1. Bangkok University will send its scholarship recipients in the Faculty Development Program to Southern Illinois University Carbondale to continue their studies at master's or doctoral level. Southern Illinois University Carbondale will provide tuition waivers to the selected BU faculty.

2. Either university will welcome Visiting Professors to teach special courses or give special lectures at the host institution.

3. Both institutions will welcome collaboration in the field of research, either in providing assistance or in conducting research and co-writing research reports.

4. Each university welcomes exchange students, maximum two, at undergraduate and graduate level who can study for either one or two semesters at the host institution with a tuition waiver granted and credit transfer provided.

5. On a case-to-case basis, either institution will consider reciprocal scholarships or tuition waivers for selected scholars or students to study full-time in a degree program at the partner university.

This Memorandum of Understanding is valid for 5 years from the date of signing and will be automatically renewed for additional 5-year periods unless either Party notifies the other Party no later than six months prior to the expiration of the preceding term that it wishes to change or terminate this Agreement.

John M. Dunn, Ph.D.
Interim Chancellor
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Date: March 8, 2007

Thanu Kulachol, Ph.D.
President
Bangkok University

Date: March 8, 2007

Mathana Santiwat, Ph.D.
Incoming President
Bangkok University

Date: March 8, 2007